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The Conservative Senate.

The senate was designed, in its mode of selection, to be the conservative element in national legislation, a safety valve, as it were, to provide an avenue of escape for the unwise enthusiasm and dangerous ebullition of the larger and popular lower house. In the early days of the government, when United States senators were chosen for their eminent fitness, ability and ripe experience, the senate certainly did fulfill this office. But in these latter days, when the upper house has come to be considered as a fashionable club for ambitious millionaires and when the much abused "courtesy of the senate" has been prostituted to the use of the demagogue and filibuster to prevent the passage of wise and needed legislation, the great mass of the people doubt the efficacy of the senate as an aid to legislative wisdom.

The action of a small coterie of western senators, claiming to be republicans, who have succeeded in preventing the passage of the three per cent bond bill or the revenue measure as proposed, unless silver legislation accompanies them, has done much to disgust the public with the upper house. Whether silver legislation is desirable or not, it is the height of presumption and foolishness for these men to refuse to permit the enactment of a law to raise sufficient revenue to meet the expenses of the government and persist by their action in running the government further into debt, the natural sequence of which will be to force further bond issues. These senators who prevent remedial legislation are not less culpable than the members of the congress and the president that passed the inadequate and iniquitous revenue measure under which the country is now laboring, and which is at the bottom of all the ills of deficiency and bonds. Silver men who refuse to co-operate in legislation that they concede to be wise and expedient, because they are not assured silver laws, are throwing great discredit on the silver cause.

Much talk is again rife as to the wisdom of changing the method of electing United States senators to a direct vote of the people, arguing that such election would improve the chances for the selection of men of greater legislative ability as senators. Whether the popular favor of the people would be wiser than the judgment of legislatures is an open question, but it is certain that it behooves the senate to cease its obnoxious trifling with public interests and senseless dallying with public affairs, as all authority comes from the people and they will surely find some means of evidencing their disgust and of stopping, in a measure at least, the abuses of the powers and privileges of the United States senate.

BEHIND the groundless attacks on republican supervisors can plainly be seen the Italian hands of well known political manipulators of very small caliber, who aspire to the shoes now worn by republican supervisors. The voters of the county will surely reprove such dirty politics at the polls this spring, by electing a solid republican board of supervisors for Van Buren County. Senseless charges of corruption are always political boomerangs, that work destruction to the ones from whom they come. Such charges only strengthen the men against whom they are directed. The people demand proof before they will believe that the men who have been chosen to public office because of their honor and integrity in private business, at once become robbers upon being given an opportunity to handle public affairs. The NORTHERNER does not believe there is a member of the board of supervisors who would not be implicitly trusted in private business affairs in his own township, and a man's reputation where he lives is his best commendation for positions of public trust.

CONGRESSIONAL lightning rods are sticking up in great profusion all over the fourth district, and the peculiar part of it is that all, so far as heard from, are republican rods. Perhaps there are no democrats left in the district.

From A Democratic Standpoint.

The attempt to smirch the supervisors and sheriff by charges of dishonesty and corruption, does not find support even in democratic quarters. The Courier said last week:

"Altogether, we believe that the officers and supervisors of Van Buren County will compare favorably for honesty and intelligence with those of any county in the state."

When a democratic newspaper cannot find ground for criticism of republican officials and utterly refuses to give its sanction to charges of corruption made against them, it is perfectly safe to say that the charges themselves have absolutely no foundation in fact. Will the originator and instigator of the accusations have the manliness and honesty to acknowledge the error and injustice of the attack?

A SLIGHT error in computation in the article in last week's NORTHERNER on county expenses, showed Sheriff Lamberson's fees for services during the first year of his term of office to have been a trifle less than those of ex-Sheriff Thomas during the last year of his incumbency, when in fact Mr. Lamberson's fees were some sixty dollars more. However, the small discrepancy in this regard does not alter the force of the argument that the sheriff's bills for services have not materially changed, but remain substantially the same as in former years.

FITZSIMMONS is now entitled to the title of "boss bruiser." It would seem as though but slight glory would attach to that title in this enlightened land, but doubtless there will be plenty of men ambitious to contest for the "honor." Public sentiment against prize fighting is rapidly growing stronger, and it is not improbable that those who next attempt a violation of the laws against the brutality may be made to feel the penalty. The people will demand that laws against prize fighting, like laws against other crimes, should be respected and violations of them punished.

THE critics of county affairs have as yet failed to point out a single item of county expense that is not legitimate, nor have they been able to point to a single instance where exorbitant prices have been charged for any services performed or supplies furnished to the county. Intelligent voters will not be fooled by wholesale and indefinite charges, which have not the slightest foundation in fact.

DURING all the currency agitation and financial talk of the day one cardinal principle of democracy seems to have been entirely lost sight of. The last democratic national platform says: "We recommend that the prohibitory 10 per cent tax on state banks issues be repealed." Won't some of our democratic friends rise up and explain why and how our financial ills can be remedied by a rehabilitation of "wild-cat" and "red-dog" currency?

EIGHTY thousand republican majority in the Philadelphia city elections last week Tuesday, is a pleasant sounding opening gun for the campaign of '96.

The United States of To-day.

A young man called at our office a few days ago and showed us a work which is being introduced in this county, with a request that we examine it. We are in a position every day to judge of books and reading matter, but we consider this book entitled the "Hand Book of the United States," the best book of the kind ever issued from the press. It is not a history, but a description of our country as it is to-day, the result of four centuries of progress. History deals with the past, while this deals with the present. We have never before seen anything like it, or its equal in quality of paper or character of illustrations for the price asked for it. Every family needs just such a work, and every young man and young woman ought to possess a copy. We have ordered a copy for ourselves, and we would be glad to know that every person in the country who is trying to improve himself, or the minds of his family, had done the same.

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New Large New Zealand Is.

New Zealand is popularly supposed to be a group of comparatively unimportant islands lying close off the coast of Australia and subject to what is vaguely termed "the Australian government."

As a matter of fact, says a California writer, it is about equal in area to the British islands, is distant some 1,200 miles from the neighboring continent, is an independent, self governing colony and possesses more beautiful and varied scenery than any other single country of the world except the United States. This colony consists of two large islands and a third small one, called Stewart island, to the south.

The two large islands are properly called the North island and the Middle island, but in ordinary language the Middle island is termed the South island. As the South island is nearer to the antarctic circle than the North island, it has, especially in its southernmost part, a cold climate. The North island has a warm enough climate to cause the oleander and camellia to bloom luxuriantly, and in its northernmost part the orange grows well.

"Did you ever remark," said Mr. Backlog meditatively, "that the people who tell us that there are no good restaurants or hotels in Brooklyn are the ones who invariably patronize the free counters the most liberally?"

"No, I can't say I have," replied Mrs. Backlog, "as I am not in the habit of frequenting saloons. What you mean is, I suppose, that you have noticed it to be a fact, and I must say that I think you might make observations of a more profitable nature."

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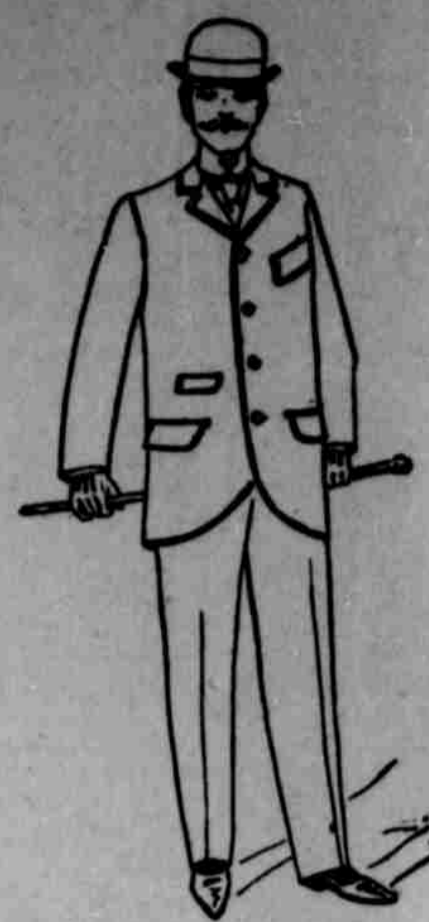


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